

REMARKS

The Examiner in paragraph 4 of the Official Action rejected claims 3, 6 and 20 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner has objected to the phrase "and/or". Applicants respectfully submits that such phrase is not indefinite. The phrase "and/or" merely represents that either of the two items adjacent thereto may be present or just only one of them. Accordingly, the use of the term "and/or" does not render the claim indefinite. However in order to further the prosecution of this application, the phrase "and/or" has been removed including one of the adjacent elements and new dependent claims have been provided that set forth the element that was deleted. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is no longer applicable.

The Examiner in paragraph 5 rejected claim 25 under 35 USC § 112 for the reasons set forth therein. In this regard, claim 25 has been amended to correct the typographical error of being dependent upon itself and renumbered accordingly. Accordingly, this claim is no longer indefinite.

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to be dependent upon independent claim 4. Accordingly, the objections set forth in paragraph 6 is no longer applicable.

Finally, with regard to claim 24, first occurrence, the term "and" has been deleted. Therefore the objection set forth in paragraph 7 is no longer applicable.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7, 11-15, and 21-25 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Nelson et al. for the reasons set forth therein. Applicants respectfully submits that the Nelson et al. reference does not teach or suggest the invention as taught and claimed by applicant. In particular, independent claim 1 specifically sets forth printing an image on a media and printing a coordinate system on a media that is not visible to the human eye under normal viewing conditions. In addition, the coordinate system is capable of locating a specific area of said image upon the media. The Nelson et al. reference is directed to providing indicia which is typically not visible by a machine or sensor for use in the calibrating of a printing device. The Examiner has cited col.

2, lines 22-28 for illustrating that there is provided a coordinate system capable of locating a specific area on a print. This portion of the patent is not directed to identifying specific areas of the image on the print. Quite the contrary, this is merely disclosing the registration of a particular image components on a media. That is providing the location for the printing on the paper. This is in contrast to the present invention wherein a coordinate system is provided for locating an area within the image. For example, the locating of a person, individual or item that is being illustrated in the image that can be identified and later associated with other data that may also be provided. The Nelson et al. reference does not teach or suggest providing a coordinate system for locating designated areas on the image of the print. In particular, the passage referred to by the Examiner is directed to multi-pass plotters i.e. the printing and reprinting on the same media. Thus, it becomes important to provide the printing of the second print at a specific location. This is not what the present invention is directed to. The present invention is directed to providing a coordinate system that allows the user to particular identify specific areas of the image, not for locating where the printing is to occur as disclosed by the Nelson et al. reference. As previously discussed, the Nelson et al. reference is directed for use in calibrating of the print heads and other related features. This is not related to the present invention wherein the coordinate system is used for providing a specific area of the image provided on the print. Nor would it be obvious to modify Nelson et al. to provide this feature.

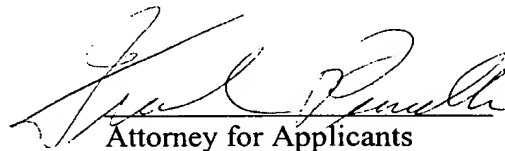
The Examiner also rejected claims 8, 9, 10, 16, and 17 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nelson et al. in view of Hakamatsuka et al. for the reasons set forth in paragraph 11. The Hakamatsuka et al. does not teach or suggest anything by itself or in combination with Nelson et al. that would render applicants' invention obvious. There still lacks and teaching or suggestion of providing the coordinate system for identifying specific areas of the image as taught and claimed by applicant. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, in present form, is in condition for allowance.

Claim 4 is the second independent claim and is patentably distinct for the same reasons discussed with respect to claim 1. Likewise, independent claim 7, 12, 21, 23, and 24 are patentably distinct for the same reasons previously discussed with respect to claim 1.

In view of the foregoing applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

Respectfully submitted,

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Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning on page 2, line 18 has been amended as set forth below:

b) printing said image onto a media using ~~a~~ said digital printer ~~on the image~~; and

The paragraph beginning on page 2, line 20 has been amended as set forth below:

c) printing a coordinate system on said media over said image that is not ~~being~~ visible to the human eye under normal viewing conditions separate from the printing of the image, the coordinate system being capable of locating a specific area of the image on the print.

The paragraph beginning on page 4, line 17 has been amended as set forth below:

ba) relating a digital image with respect to a predetermined coordinate system; and

The paragraph beginning on page 4, line 19 has been amended as set forth below:

cb) printing the digital image on a media having the coordinate system, the coordinate system not being visible to the human eye under normal viewing conditions.

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 20, 24 and 25 have been amended as set forth below:

1.(Once Amended) A method for making a digital print, comprising the steps of:

- a) obtaining a digital image file containing an image for printing by a digital printer;
- b) printing said image onto a media using ~~a said~~ digital printer ~~on said image~~; and
- c) printing a coordinate system on said media over said image that is not ~~being~~ visible to the human eye under normal viewing conditions separate from said printing of said image, said coordinate system being capable of locating a specific area of said image on said print.

3.(Once Amended) A method according to claim 2 wherein said information ~~and/or coordinate system~~ is printed directly over said image.

5.(Once Amended) A method according to claim ~~3~~4 further comprising the step of providing information with respect to said specific area.

6.(Once Amended) A method according to claim ~~3~~4 wherein said information ~~and/or coordinate system~~ is printed directly over said image.

20.(Once Amended) A method according to claim 19 wherein said step of modifying said image comprises cropping ~~and/or enlarging~~ said image.

24.(Once Amended) A computer program product, comprising a computer readable storage medium having a computer program stored therein which when loaded in a computer will enable a digital printer to perform the steps of:

- ~~ba~~) relating a digital image with respect to a predetermined coordinate system; and
- ~~cb~~) printing said digital image ~~and~~ on a media having said coordinate system, said coordinate system not being visible to the human eye under normal viewing conditions.

2425.(Once Amended) A computer program product according to claim 24 wherein said image having a predetermined relationship with said coordinate system, said image having associated data relating a particular aspect with respect to a location defined by said coordinate system.

Claims 26, 27 and 28 are new.

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